

## FRENCH GUNS CHECK BULGAR DRIVE GREECE YIELDS TO ALLIES' DEMAND

### MARYLANDERS AROUSED BY MOTOR KILLING AT DRUMMOND

Feeling At High Pitch As Result of Death of H. A. Latimer on Rockville and Washington Road.

Citizens' Association Head Says Just Such a Tragedy Was Predicted At Meeting a Month Ago.

Bitter feelings which residents along the Washington-Rockville road have long cherished against automobile speeders in general and reckless truck drivers in particular, reached a high pitch today as the result of the death of H. A. Latimer, who was struck by a truck late yesterday, just as he got off a car at Drummond, Md.

Perry K. Thurston, president of the Drummond Citizens' Association, said the question of regulating traffic on the road between the District line and Bradley lane was one which came before that organization at nearly every meeting, and that repeated efforts had been made to remedy conditions. On November 1 the question was discussed at a meeting held in the home of D. A. Smith, and just such an accident as that of yesterday was prophesied if something was not done immediately.

#### NO ARRESTS MADE.

The truck after striking Mr. Latimer yesterday sped on down the hill and though Sheriff Peyton Whalen and the Washington police are co-operating in a search for the driver no arrests have been made. Mr. Latimer was taken to the Georgetown University Hospital where he died shortly after midnight.

Residents beyond the District line say that the large motor trucks from Washington business houses go out to Chevy Chase and often to Rockville with heavy loads, and that coming back to the city the drivers leave the throttle wide open and take hills, curves and crossings at a reckless pace. A few weeks ago a truck hit a passenger machine in which Taylor Offutt and his family were riding and at least one fatality was narrowly averted.

"From Bradley lane to the District line the road to Washington is down hill nearly all the way and it is one of the most dangerous stretches to be found anywhere," said a member of the Drummond Citizens' Association today. "A truck that cannot run faster than twelve or fifteen miles an hour on level ground can make thirty miles an hour along that narrow highway and the drivers in many instances seem to be utterly irresponsible."

#### Trucks Worst Offenders.

"In the morning when the children are going to school the milk trucks from the country are the worst offenders. There are no sidewalks along the road and a heart-breaking tragedy is sure to happen some morning unless something is done."

"In the afternoon, just at the time of the accident yesterday, the big trucks from the city are generally homebound, and an empty vehicle and a full driver trying to make up time is a dangerous combination."

A motorist who lives in that section said today that he avoided the Rockville road when possible and that when he saw a big truck head toward him when going out that road he always got as far to one side as possible.

Formerly a deputy sheriff observed the road all the time to prohibit reckless driving. At present Deputy Millard E. Peake performs a similar service, but he is not able to detect all of his time to it.

"The Religious Question in Mexico," Pythian Temple, Sunday, 7 p. m.—Advt.

### President Spends Holiday at Work

Toils All Forenoon, Getting Annual Message Ready for Printing Office.

No Thanksgiving holiday was enjoyed by the President today. All forenoon he worked. It was a grinding task, the President bending every energy to the completion of his annual message. He had arranged with the Government Printing Office to have a force of men in readiness as soon as the manuscript was finished, so printed copies could be ready by tonight.

The President was unable to finish his message by noon and take an automobile ride with Mrs. Galt, as he had planned. He will take a brief ride this afternoon, and upon his return will preside over the Thanksgiving feast at the White House. Among those who will dine with him will be Mrs. Galt, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen W. Bone, and Dary Cary T. Grayson.

The White House turkey will be placed in the oven at 4:30 o'clock so that it may cook slowly. Mince pie, cranberry sauce, and all the other "fixins" were prepared during the forenoon.

### DIGNITARIES OF TWO AMERICAS AT MASS

Notable Gathering At St. Patrick's Gives Thanks For Prosperity and Peace.

Dignitaries of the state and of the church, representing all the republics of the two American continents, gathered at St. Patrick's Church this morning to attend the seventh annual solemn high mass celebrated as thanksgiving for the blessings of peace and prosperity that have been the portion of the nations represented.

The Secretary of State of the United States, the ambassadors or ministers of the republics of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Salvador, Venezuela, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Peru, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Haiti, with the members of their suites and their families, the Chief Justice of the United States, the director of the Pan-American Union, officers of the army and navy and executive departments of the United States, together with a host of distinguished citizens, occupied reserved pews in the great body of the church.

Within the sanctuary on the episcopal throne was Cardinal Gibbons, attired in the golden mitre and cope of his office, and attended by a group of gorgeously robed prelates.

The church was almost covered with flags of the nations represented, the main decoration being the Stars and Stripes and the ensign of the Pan-American Union draped over the choir loft and held together by a dove of peace. The news of each of the representatives.

### WHITLOCK ENJOYS AMERICAN DINNER

Has Only Signs of Peace About Him After Year in the War Zone.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, had a real American Thanksgiving dinner today. With only signs of peace about him, after more than a year in the European war zone, the returned diplomat dined with Mrs. Whitlock, her mother, and a few friends.

A complete family reunion was planned for the day, with Mrs. Nell Whitlock, of Cleveland, and Mrs. A. G. Brainard, of Toledo, mothers of the minister and his wife. The elder Mrs. Whitlock, however, felt that she should hurry back to Toledo, where one of her grandchildren is ill. Accompanied by the child's father, Mr. Whitlock, she took a train last night, leaving Mrs. Brainard to do the mother's honors of the day.

Whitlock continues flatly to refuse an interview or comment in any way on Belgium, the Cavell case, or other subjects connected with his diplomatic work. It is understood Secretary of State Lansing will arrive in New York tomorrow, and will have a conference with Whitlock either Friday night or Saturday morning. Whitlock will then leave Monday for Washington where he will make a report to President Wilson.

After this he will go to Cleveland and Toledo, where he will spend Christmas at home, returning to New York in time to sail for Europe again December 28.

### German Battalion Lost In Styx River Crossing

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 25.—By bombarding the ice on which Austrian gunboats were trying to cross the river Styx, the Austrians recently drowned an entire battalion of their enemies, according to unofficial advices received here today.

### McKIM WARNS OF PLOTTERS IN FOREIGN LIVERY

Resolute Action Toward Conspirators Against Peace Is Demanded.

POLICY CALLED "SUPINE"

Thanksgiving Day Congregation Hears Stirring Sermon On National Duty.

Banishment of "men who wear the livery of foreign countries and use it to plot against the peace and prosperity of our country, and who burn out factories and attempt to blow up our ships," was advocated by the Rev. Randolph H. McKim in a spirited patriotic sermon in the pulpit of the Church of the Epiphany today.

Dr. McKim, after alluding to the "supine policy" of this country in not backing up its strong notes to Germany with resolute action, urged that "the nests of conspirators, numerous representatives of foreign powers who plot against the Government while occupying the privileges of American citizenship, be broken up." He added that the United States should exert its every effort to "run to ground these plotters who burn out factories, menace our commerce and industry and conspire to do of or disastrously acts which are insults and outrages against the peace and dignity of this nation."

**Reason For Thanks.**  
The minister began his sermon by saying this country had much to be thankful for because of the peaceousness of its harvest. He called attention to President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation in which reasons for the peace were enumerated. He said: "We have much to give thanks for, but have we done our duty to ourselves and mankind? Have we met the responsibilities which have rested upon us? Have we nobly played the part we should have played at this time of distress and suffering?"

In answer to these questions Dr. McKim said: "We have accomplished much in the matter of diplomacy, and the names of Whitlock, Page, Gerard, and other American representatives abroad have upon justly won laurels. We have achieved wonders with the Red Cross and through our medical men, but our duty demanded more than this."

Dr. McKim said the United States had allowed the peaceful fields of Belgium to be sown with bombs without a word of protest and asked "did we do our duty when the Lusitania was torpedoed?" He said that a number of strong and dignified notes had been written, and the United States had stated its purpose "to hold the guilty nations to strict accountability for repetitions of such infamous acts."

**Waited Seven Months.**  
"But we have waited seven months, but nothing has been done to avenge the ruthless murder of a thousand American women and children," said the minister.

He declared diplomatic relations with Germany had not been broken off and said that even this led to war the worst that could have happened would have been the raising of American commerce by German submarines.

"These infamous murders complained of in our admirably written notes have ceased. We have the sinking of the Hesperian and the Ancona as the latest evidence that they have not ceased. The time has come to stop writing and speaking and to act. The President talks of the principles of peace, but the American people are thinking of the principles of justice and humanity as well."

**Starving, Poisons Himself and Babies**  
Mother Cooks Drug in Food. Both Little Ones Died Soon After Eating.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—Thanksgiving day dawned gray and gloomy for Mrs. Mabel Fields, who is semi-conscious at the Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., from the effects of poison with which she killed both her babies. The mother, who has been deserted, told today that Mabel, two years old, died during the night. Frank, fourteen months old, died late yesterday, shortly after he ate bananas and milk, into which his mother had mixed poison.

"I could not see them suffer for food," she sobbed. "They are better off dead. Winter was coming and there was no food—poison seemed the only way."

### Women Gather Here To Make Supreme Effort To End War



MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

**Deluge of Telegrams Still Pouring Into White House As Peace Advocates Make Final Preparations For Meeting To Be Held At Belasco Theater Tomorrow.**

With more than 20,000 telegrams already delivered at the White House, and a deluge still pouring in as the result of the last appeal sent out this week by Miss Jane Addams, women peace advocates mobilized in Washington today for one supreme effort to elicit from President Wilson a promise to start negotiations for a peace conference of neutral nations.

The telegraphic bombardment of the White House is but one line of attack. The other main avenues of approach are the mass meeting planned for the Belasco Theater tomorrow afternoon, to which Cabinet officers today were invited to occupy boxes, and the call upon the President tomorrow, when Henry Ford will introduce to President Wilson two women peace advocates from warring nations.

**WOMEN TO ADDRESS MEETING.**  
These two women, Mrs. Rosika Schwimmer, of Hungary, and Mrs. Ethel Snowden, wife of the labor leader of parliament, also will be the principal speakers at the meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Belasco Theater.

Two other central figures at the meeting will be Mrs. Louis Post, who accompanied Jane Addams and her party upon the European tour for peace this summer, and who will preside, and Mrs. George Rublee, also a member of the party of unofficial peace emissaries.

One message received today at the White House was from Mrs. Brand Whitlock, wife of the minister to Belgium. She has joined the women's movement to secure peace. Her telegram to the President urged that he call a conference of neutral nations for a peace conference.

Many of the telegrams at the White House were in the form suggested in the appeal signed by Miss Jane Addams, which read:

**Form of Appeal.**  
"Work for Peace. The mothers of America pray for it."

The White House is silent about the telegraphic bombardment. Whether President Wilson is giving ground under the bombardment is not known.

The telegram from Mrs. Whitlock was number 8,942, sent from New York. The figure of 20,000, which the number of telegrams has now exceeded, was not given out at the White House but was obtained from telegraph companies by the peace workers.

### BULGARS ARE DRIVEN BACK UPON PRILEP BY SERBIANS

Southern Defenders, Re-enforced By Heavy Artillery, Rush Fighting in Open—Entrenched Positions Suffer.

Northern Serb Army At Bay on Kosovo Plain With Three Armies Pressing Advance For Great Battle.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 25.—A terrific French bombardment of the Bulgars at Prilep is progressing today.

The French artillery was detached from the Vardar river forces to help the southern Serb army in its drive toward the northward again. The fury of the Serbian infantry rush is driving the Bulgars backward in the open field and the heavy guns are expected to dislodge the invaders from their entrenched positions.

Advices from Bulgarian sources say the Bulgars are doing their best to hold the ground they gained during their first rush into Serbia, but the strength of the allies is increasing daily. It is believed in Bucharest that the southern invaders will remain on the defensive until the Austro-Germans can complete the northern campaign and break through with re-enforcements.

### BULGARS LOSE STEADILY.

In the western district of southern Serbia, the Bulgars are reported badly beaten by the French with heavy losses in killed, wounded and captured.

What the northern Serbs on the Kosovo plain are doing is a mystery. Sofia dispatches say there are no big battle and that the invaders will clear the country along the Montenegrin frontier by a series of small skirmishes with the guerrilla bands.

**Consolidate Forces.**  
Stories that the Serb capital is being transferred to Scutari, Albania, sixty miles west of the Serbian frontier and near the coast of the Adriatic, on the heels of reports that the Montenegrin capital would be moved to the same place from Cetinje, are believed to mean a consolidation of Serb and Montenegrin forces. Dutch officers who have seen service in Albania think there will be an Italian landing near Scutari and that these troops will co-operate with the Serbs and Montenegrins.

### 17,400 Serbs Captured When Mitrovitz and Pristina Were Taken

BERLIN (via London), Nov. 25.—Seventeen thousand four hundred more Serbs were captured by the Germans, Austrians, and Bulgars when they took Mitrovitz and Pristina, the war office announced today.

Ten thousand of the Serbs fell into Austrian hands at Mitrovitz, at the northwestern extremity of the Black Birds plain and 7,400 were taken by the Germans and Bulgars at Pristina, at its southeastern extremity.

"We are firmly holding Beresmunde," added the report, referring to a position on the Russo-German front in the Riga district, against which the Czar's forces have been hurling heavy attacks.

The Germans took 700 prisoners at Beresmunde. At Pristina, besides the prisoners, nineteen cannon, and much war material were taken by the invaders.

### FORD ASKS EDISON TO GO ON PEACE SHIP

Armed With Stack of Approving Letters, Magnate Hopes to Win Support.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Henry Ford went to Orange, N. J., today to persuade Thomas A. Edison to join peace advocates who are to sail December 4 on the Oscar II, the "peace ship," which Ford has chartered.

Edison said yesterday he would be too busy to join Ford in his efforts to hold a peace conference in some neutral city of Europe. Today's mail brought Ford a stack of letters supporting his plan, including one from a prominent man who lost two children on the Titanic. Armed with these expressions of approval or his plan, he hopes to win the active support of the inventor.

Louis F. Lochner, secretary of the National League of Peace, announced today that the names of persons who have been invited to join the peace delegation cannot be announced for two or three days.

"We hope that an outgrowth of the peace conference will be a permanent executive committee on peace," Lochner said today. "This committee would be in session at all times and could at any time be in a position to receive and discuss hints that any of the warring powers were ready to talk terms."

It is understood Ford and his supporters, having outlined their plan roughly, are today seeking semi-official approval from the White House, to give the peace mission more weight abroad.

So far the President has not intimated his position. While the peace advocates do not expect formal recognition, they hope for some action showing White House encouragement.

Ford is understood to have asked President Wilson, at his White House conference Tuesday, to call a conference looking toward ending the war and to have assured the President that should he do so he would become "the biggest man in the world today."